Attorney Docket No.: A-71731/MSS (463035-861)

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REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliance Amendment dated March 17, 2005. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-9, and 11-18 are pending in this application.

Applicant accidentally used single brackets to delete text in the claims. Applicant has corrected this mistake by using double brackets to denote the deleted text in claims 1, 4, 5 and 7. Additionally independent claim 9 has have been amended to recite atomic layer deposition in the preamble. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this Amendment.

Substantive remarks regarding the prior art rejection are found in the prior Amendment filed on February 18, 2005.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-71731/MSS (463035-861)).

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